

# County Clerk Connection

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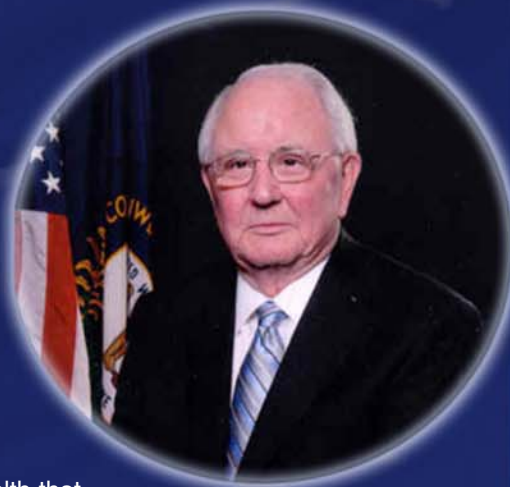
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## MEET YOUR NEW SECRETARY



A year ago I wouldn't have predicted that I would be with you today. I was perfectly happy tending to business in Hardin County and I could rightly claim, I think, that I had already done my part in public service. But I have always been a proud Kentuckian, and I have always been a believer in giving back. When Governor Beshear asked me to take this position, I saw an opportunity to continue giving back and to perform a meaningful service to a Commonwealth that has been extremely good to me.

We all concede the Transportation Cabinet has had some problems, but I wouldn't be here otherwise. I would have had no interest in becoming secretary of any cabinet that was running like a clock. Upon my arrival, I quickly found that the talent and the dedication of our employees is exceptional and gives us a solid foundation upon which to build for the future. With that foremost in my mind, I look forward to working with you to address the many issues before us.

Our first order of business has been to assemble a top-flight leadership staff. These are people, who share my management style, which is pretty simple. I believe in consensus building, transparency in our operations, treating everyone with respect, and I believe in doing things right. I am always willing to listen and will try to understand the issues that face us, but I am determined that the decisions made within the Transportation Cabinet will be made with no undue outside influence.

We have already made some very hard decisions. There will be plenty more to make and most relate to funding.

It is critical that we do everything we can to save money in the Transportation Cabinet. We have cut travel and expenses and are keeping a number of vacant positions unfilled.

In the longer term, we will have to adopt a new approach to transportation planning and construction, beginning with the Six-Year Highway Plan. Because of revenue shortfalls and the every-increasing cost of construction, the plan has become a wish list. Instead, it needs to be a usable planning tool and it needs to be balanced based on anticipated revenue. Currently it is grossly over-programmed. It is my determination that any projects currently envisioned—and which have substantial price tags—simply cannot be supported by the current Road Fund.

We are working diligently with the General Assembly to bring forth a plan for innovative ways to address those substantial needs.

All of our new projects are going to be safe and they are going to be serviceable. We have no intention of sliding backward. We intend to look for ways to make our existing roads safer and to get the most value for the dollar.

My vision for us today includes more than just building roads and bridges and pushing snow in the winter. I see us becoming part of the larger effort to preserve and enhance the quality of life in our commonwealth.



### Our Mission:

To provide you with a quarterly newsletter that presents articles for your review and enjoyment. To serve as a sounding board for you to discuss issues that challenge or trouble you. To invoke thought and encourage your input for future articles.

Secretary  
Joe Prather





## MEET THE NEW COMMISSIONER FOR THE DIVISION OF VEHICLE REGULATION

Dan Glass was born and raised in Wilmore in Jessamine County. While attending the University of Kentucky he worked in the Kentucky Department of Highways during summer breaks. Mr. Glass graduated from the University of Kentucky where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

After graduation, Mr. Glass accepted a position in the Kentucky Department of Parks as Business Manager at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park in Gilbertsville. This was the beginning of a 30 year career with Kentucky State Parks where he held positions of increasing responsibility. He has been Park Manager at Buckhorn Lake, Carter Caves, Natural Bridge and Kenlake State Resort Parks.

In 1988, Mr. Glass was promoted to Director of Customer Service for the Department of Parks and moved his family to Frankfort. Mr. Glass was promoted again in 1997, to Deputy Commissioner of the Park system, a position he held until his retirement. The Kentucky State Park system is third in revenue behind California and New York, and with 17 resort parks, is one the largest of all state park systems.

Mr. Glass has served on the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Tourism Council and Kentucky Turf Grass Council. He also represented Kentucky in the National Association of State Park Directors and the Southeastern State Parks Association. Dan Glass earned his Hotel Administration Certification from the American Hotel/Motel Institute, Michigan State University. He is a charter member of the Frankfort Capital Sunrise Rotary Club, a board member of the Frankfort Country Club, and a member of the Frankfort First Presbyterian Church.

Dan and his wife Glenna have been married for 37 years. They have two daughters, Asher Glass Snow, an attorney in Louisville, and Julianne Glass, a 2007 graduate of Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC, who also lives in Louisville.



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## Graves County Clerk

### Barry M. Kennemore



Graves County Clerk, Barry M. Kennemore, started working at the Graves County Courthouse on April 15, 1975. He worked for the Graves County Judge Executive for three years. Barry then worked for the PVA for four and a half years. On February 14, 1983 he began working for then Graves County Clerk, Glen Bruce as his Chief Deputy Clerk. After working as the Chief Deputy Clerk for sixteen years, Barry was then elected as the Graves County Clerk in 1999.

Since Barry became the Graves County Clerk he has worked to modernize the office by remodeling it to provide for easier customer service.

Barry is happily married to the former Debbie Norsworthy. They have two daughters. Dana is a junior at Murray State University. Their other daughter, Emily Martin, is the mother of two beautiful boys, Nate and Noah.

Barry attended Murray State University and Paducah Community College and is currently enrolled at Mid Continent University, where he is working towards a Business Management Degree.

Outside of the office Barry stays busy with many interests. He is an active member of the Mayfield Lions Club. He is also the chairman of the Deacons and a Sunday school teacher at Northside Baptist Church.

# Barren County Clerk

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## Pam Hodges Browning

*Barren County Clerk Pam Browning, standing here in front of a photograph of her Father, the late Wilmer Hodges, who was the Barren County Clerk from 1966-1997.*

The staff of the Barren County Clerk's office cannot adequately express their appreciation for their boss, Pam Hodges Browning. Some of them have been with Pam since the beginning of her career. She began working at the clerk's office as a deputy while still attending junior high in 1972. Pam's father, the late Wilmer Hodges, served as county clerk from 1966 until July 1997. He was forced to retire for health reasons. Pam made her first successful run for the office in 1997.

Perhaps Pam's biggest supporter is her husband, Lowell, whom she has been married to for 30 years. Lowell is a salesperson for a local farm implement company (red is the color, not green). In January, Pam's daughter Kasey, and son-in-law Nathan were blessed with a beautiful baby boy, which added the title "Nana" to Pam's resume.

Pam loves spending time with both her new grandbaby and her grand dog Kooper, a Jack Russell terrier mix. But she also has many outstanding talents including that of bargain shopping. She can find a hidden sale item like nobody's business. An avid antique shopper, Pam also collects pink depression glassware, snowmen and elephants.

Pam is also involved in many organizations in her community. She is Vice-President of the Republican's Women's Club, a member of the local Cattleman's Association, and a member of both the Glasgow/Barren County Chamber of Commerce and the Cave City Chamber of Commerce. She also serves on various boards and committees in the community.

Pam keeps a very hectic schedule from day to day trying to participate in as many local activities as possible. Many of the customers know Pam on such a personal level that they pamper her with her favorite candy bar, the Fifth Avenue. The employees in her office range in age from 18 to 84. Pam is not only their boss, but a dear friend and a true public servant. She is firm but caring in all her decisions concerning employees and her constituents.

Above all, Pam puts her faith in the Lord and his guidance to lead her in the right directions. She truly is an inspiration to all who work with her. Pam and Lowell are active members of Neal's Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Barren County.



## NEW RYDER CUP LICENSE PLATE

### NOW AVAILABLE

**IDEA:** Generated by the 2008 Matches Advisory Committee in winter of 2007 (Governor's Task Force to support the Commonwealth's Ryder Cup efforts). The administration and recruitment of the application process was done through the Kentucky Sports Authority. The first application was received in April 5, 2007 and the 900th application was received on October 29, 2007.

The license plate in conjunction with the highway signs truly puts an exclamation mark on the state's effort and support of the Ryder Cup. The plate is a mechanism to give all Kentuckians an opportunity to have a piece of the Ryder Cup experience.

**CREATION/DESIGN:** New West

**PURPOSE:** Create a signature legacy piece for hosting the Ryder Cup (once in a lifetime opportunity). This plate will forever be a link to Kentucky's golf history and hosting opportunity.

**BENEFICIARY:** Kentucky First Tee; The First Tee is a World Golf Foundation initiative dedicated to providing young people of all backgrounds an opportunity to develop through golf and character education, and through life-enhancing values such as honesty, integrity, and sportsmanship. There are four First Tee Chapters in the Commonwealth of Kentucky (Louisville, Lexington, Owensboro, and Pine Mountain). Funds raised through this program will be distributed equally to the four chapters.

A total of 1042 applications were received before the KSA handed them over to the Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing. The initial application process generated \$10,420 for Kentucky First Tee.





**Steven L. Beshear**  
Governor

**TRANSPORTATION CABINET**

Frankfort, Kentucky 40622  
[www.transportation.ky.gov/](http://www.transportation.ky.gov/)

**Joseph W. Prather**  
Secretary

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Title Branch  
Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing

**THRU:** Betty Redd, Director *BR*  
Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing

**FROM:** Godwin Onodu, Assistant Director *go*  
Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing

**Date:** March 26, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Reactivation of Junked / Surrendered Titles

It has come to my attention that the Division employees are processing title reactivation requests differently. Two methodologies that are currently in use are:

- Reactivate within twelve (12) months from the date the title was junked and surrendered. For example, if the title was junked on April 1, 2006, you will have up until April of 2007 to reactivate. That would be a total of twelve (12) months. If more than twelve (12) months, it would go through the rebuilt procedures.
- Reactivate using the calendar year. For example, if the title was junked on April 1, 2006, you have up to December 31, 2007 to reactivate. A total of twenty one (21) months.

Currently, we have twenty one (21) employees that can reactivate titles. Out of these 21 employees, 13 are using the 12 months process while the other 8 are using the second process.

I have discussed this issue with our Director, KYTC Legal staff, and with the Department of Revenue. We all agreed that the 12 months option is the preferred way. Taxation is not an issue here because "the MOTAX System is designed to assess property tax on vehicles with active titles on January 1<sup>st</sup>" of each year. As a result, the titles that were junked prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> would not have a tax segment created through the MOTAX System.

**Henceforth, you are required to reactivate titles that are only within 12 months of being junked.** Additionally, when you receive a request for re-activation of a junked title, make sure the attached affidavit is either notarized by the county clerk or by a notary public.

Cc: County Clerk Connection Newsletter



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## Transferring In-State Boats

When transferring a boat that already has a Kentucky title, the following is required:

- a. Kentucky title
- b. Completed form TC96-184 “Motor Boat Transaction Record” (BTR)

When transferring a Kentucky boat title, both the seller and buyer must sign the back of the title. The buyer will sign the Motor Boat Transaction record (BTR).

At this time we don’t require notaries for boats. If there are any changes in the future, we will notify the county clerks.

Speed titles are not allowed on boats.

## HULL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

### **Vessels produced between November 1, 1972 and August 1, 1984**

<u>XYZ</u>	<u>12345</u>	<u>A73E</u>
Manufacturer’s Identification Code	Hull Serial Number	Date of Manufacture

#### Date of Manufacture

A.....August	D.....November	G....February	J....May
B.....September	E.....December	H....March	K....June
C....October	F..... January	I....April	L....July

### **Vessels produced after August 1, 1984**

<u>XYZ</u>	<u>12345</u>	<u>B1</u>	<u>91</u>
Manufacturer’s Identification Code	Hull Serial Number	Date of Manufacture	Model Year

#### Date of Manufacture

A.....January	D....April	G.....July	J.....October
B....February	E.....May	H....August	K....November
C.... March	F.....June	I....September	L....December

**\*NOTE: All Manufacturers’ Identification Codes can be located**

**[www.uscgboating.org](http://www.uscgboating.org)**





# Introducing the New Smart Fortwo Automobile



The Smart Fortwo cars, which are currently imported under the control and certification of Daimler-Chrysler, has been approved to operate on Kentucky highways.

Commissioner Dan Glass (pictured above) and some of the Motor Vehicle Licensing employees test-drove this car. According to Commissioner Glass, the vehicle handles very well on the road. The main reason for approving these cars to operate on Kentucky highways was because of the fact that they met all applicable Kentucky laws governing registration and titling of vehicles.



## Some Employees Checking out the Smart Car...



Corey Risk  
Records Mgmt



Janice Jones  
Records Mgmt



Bobbie Marshall  
Verification

Betty Redd  
Director



### smart fortwo Safety Features



#### 4 Air Bags

ESP Electronic Stability Control

ABS with Electronic Brake Force Distribution

CBC Corner Braking Control

BAS Brake Assist System

Traction Control

Hill Holder Function



71 Horse Power-90 mph.

8.8 Feet Long

5 Feet Tall

5 Feet Wide

28 Feet Turning Circle

### smart fortwo Statistics



#### The Drivetrain

1 Liter gasoline engine

3 cylinders - rear mounted

5-speed manual-automatic transmission

Rear wheel drive

Rack and pinion steering

155/60R tires front -- 175/55 rear



## MEMORANDUM

To: All County Clerks and their staff

From: Dan Chapman, Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal  
Division of Fire Prevention  
Manufactured Housing  
Recreational Vehicles

Date: January 2, 2008

Clarification on when inspections are required on recreational vehicles, manufactured homes, and mobile homes

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Due to recent changes in the law, there is still some confusion on when the inspection is required on the above units. Also, at the meeting I attended in Lexington in December, I misspoke about "new" recreational vehicles. Mr. Harry Rucker, previous chief of the section, sent a memo to you dated July 23, 2006 explaining that *as of August 1, 2006 new recreational vehicles were no longer required to display a Kentucky "A" Seal nor will they require a safety inspection prior to titling. This applies to "new" units only.* The inspection is still required on previously owned (used) recreational vehicles prior to the title being issued from MVL if the unit is titled in another State and the owner is seeking to title it in Kentucky. If there exists a viable Kentucky title, there is no inspection required. Recreational Vehicles are defined in KRS 227.550 (12).

Thanks to Debbie Wallace, Franklin County Court Clerk's Office, there seems to be an easy way to determine if a unit needs the inspection. The law took effect on July 13, 2004 and the manufacturer's year changes on July 1 to the next year, so any units produced after July 1, 2004 are technically 2005 models. So, if you are transferring title on a 2005 or newer model (excluding new homes sold by a retailer), the inspection is required. If the home has been moved after July 13, 2004, the inspection is required. If the home was sited on or before July 13, 2004 and the seller attests by way of an affidavit to such, the home is "grandfathered" and no inspection is required.

Due to a misunderstanding of the term "lost title/duplicate title" by me, the inspection is only required if the unit is a 2005 model or newer (excluding new homes sold by retailers) or has been moved from its location after July 13, 2004. If the unit has never been titled, the inspection is required to generate the title.

All previously owned manufactured/mobile homes that are titled in another State require the inspection prior to titling in Kentucky

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



*If you would like to have your birthday in the newsletter, please mail or email your information to the address on the back page.*

### MARCH 23:

Bobby "Chip" Phillips ~ Simpson County Clerk  
*Happy Belated Birthday from the girls in the office*

### APRIL 26:

Godwin Onodu ~ Asst. Director

### MAY 29:

Betty Redd ~ Director



# Employee Suggestion Award Winners



**Tonya Terrell submitted this employee suggestion:** She created a mileage correction affidavit. We never used a state form for a mileage correction, so a lot of times important information was missing, and we would have to send it back to the customer for more information in order to process the mileage correction.

**Willie Payton submitted this employee suggestion:** Renewing commercial plates with decals. We spent \$140,000 annually on commercial plates where as, we now renew them with a decal that cost 12 cents.

**Loretta Fowler submitted this employee suggestion:** She created a post card to notify customers when their special plate was available for pick up at the clerk's offices rather than letters. This suggestion has saved the department several thousand dollars in materials, time and postage. It has also made it



## H.A.V.E. HELPING VETERANS IN EASTERN KENTUCKY



Christmas Party for the Veterans

The H.A.V.E. program (HELP A VETERAN EVERYDAY), instituted by the County Clerks of Kentucky, is having a large impact on the lives of veterans in Eastern Kentucky.



Veteran, Thurman Hamblin and Perry County Clerk,  
Haven King

Perry County Clerk, Haven King, who joined with other clerks offices from Eastern Kentucky counties, gathered funds for a Christmas party for the Veterans Center in Hazard. They provided food and entertainment, as well as Christmas presents for each resident at the center. Joe Bolten, from the Kentuckian Election Service furnished hats for everyone. Donations by the Mayor of Hazard, as well as the Judge Executives from Perry, Letcher and Leslie Counties who attended the party were greatly appreciated. This event proved to be a total success, as the team effort raised an estimated \$11,500.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this party and their hearts were touched by the many residents opening presents they had requested. Residents who could not attend the party appreciated being visited in their rooms and given fruit baskets and presents.

The H.A.V.E. Program sends a big "thanks" to the Clerks, as well as their families and staff, for taking the time to make this such a memorable Christmas for the veterans and looks forward to other activities in the future.



## Make sure to “**DRIVE** Tire **SMART**” *Are your tires ready for spring showers?*

FRANKFORT, Ky. April showers bring May flowers and...wet driving conditions. Now that the long winter is over, millions of Americans will take to the roads again for holiday road trips and long weekend getaways. The Kentucky Office of Highway Safety, along with the Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA), reminds you to check your tires (and the spare) at least once a month and before every long trip.

As you prepare to hit the road again this spring, consider the following advice to make sure your tires are ready for the trip and that you arrive safely at your destination:

- ~ Good brakes and years of driving experience aren't enough to ensure that you will be able to stop quickly in wet weather. In fact, stopping on a wet road can take up to four times the normal distance on a dry road. During wet weather conditions, drive slowly and keep in mind that stopping distances will be longer.
- ~ Check the pressure of your tires once a month, and before every long trip, to ensure that when you do need to stop, your tires can do everything they're supposed to do to help you. The correct inflation pressure for your tires is specified by the vehicle manufacturer and is shown on the vehicle door edge, door post, glove box door or fuel door. It is also listed in the owner's manual. The maximum inflation pressure listed on the tire is not the recommended pressure.
- ~ Rain water that mixes with oil or grime on the streets can cause slippery conditions that may result in unexpected skidding. Slow down and pay attention to the possibility of skidding.
- ~ Make sure you have the alignment and balance of your tires checked regularly so that if you do skid, your vehicle is properly equipped to help you stop safely.
- ~ Rotating your tires can sometimes help correct irregular tire wear. Before rotating your tires, always refer to your car's owner's manual for rotation recommendations. If no rotation period is specified, tires should be rotated approximately every 6,000 miles.
- ~ In a sudden downpour, driving fast or driving on worn tires can cause your tires to hydroplane - this means that your tires “surf” along on a film of water just like a water skier.
- ~ Slow down in sudden downpours and make sure you check the tread on your tires once per month and before every long trip. Your tires should have at least 1/16 inch of tread depth.

In many areas of the country, the snow and ice of winter have left roads in bad shape. The repeated freezing and thawing of moisture seeps through road surfaces and causes potholes. Keep these driving tips in mind this spring as you travel:

- ~ Hitting potholes can throw your car's front end out of alignment. If you feel your car “pulling” during driving, that's a clue that you could have a problem. Check the tread on your tires: uneven tread wear can be a sign of misalignment. If you hit a severe pothole, have a tire dealer check your vehicle's alignment and tire balance.
- ~ When you hit a pothole, you can damage your tire and/or the metal wheel of your vehicle. Keeping your tires properly inflated will help reduce damage from potholes and other road hazards.
- ~ The impact of potholes on tires increases dramatically with speed and can cause hidden, internal damage that could lead to tire failure weeks, or even months, later. It's best to avoid potholes entirely, but if that's not possible; don't brake during the pothole impact. Instead, apply brakes before hitting a pothole and release them just prior to impact. Braking during the impact sets up the tire and wheel assembly for a “solid hit” against the edge of the hole. Less severe damage occurs when a tire is rolling than when it is skidding over a hole during braking.

To report potholes, other maintenance concerns, or hazards along our highways call the Highway Hazard Hotline at :  
**1-877-367-5982 (1-877-FOR KYTC)**

This hotline is answered twenty-four hours a day, 7 days a week by personnel located within the Transportation Operations Center. Information received from the call is disseminated to the appropriate personnel located throughout the Commonwealth.

For additional tire and highway safety information, please visit the following websites:

[www.rma.org](http://www.rma.org)  
[www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov)  
<http://highwaysafety.ky.gov>  
<http://511.ky.gov/>

# HELPFUL WEB SITES & 800 NUMBERS

## Upcoming Events

Locations and dates for the  
KCCA 2008 conferences:

**\* May 28 \***

**KCCA Legislative Committee and Training at  
Transportation Cabinet**

**\* June 29-July 2, 2008 \***

**KCCA Spring Conference at Holiday Inn  
(Bowling Green)**

**\* November 16-19, 2008 \***

**KCCA Fall Conference at  
Marriott Griffin Gate (Lexington)**

## Vehicle Titles

1-800-244-9036

<http://mvl.ky.gov/KyRenewWeb/>

## Vehicle Registration

1-800-244-9410

[http://mvl.ky.gov/KyRenewWeb/  
requirementpage.jsp](http://mvl.ky.gov/KyRenewWeb/requirementpage.jsp)

## Government & Community Services

1-888-567-1373

<http://kycares.ky.gov>

## Vegetarian Chili

1 can of Del Monte Tomatoes with onion  
and green pepper  
1 can of Ro-tel tomatoes  
1 small can of tomato paste  
1 can of Chili Beans (drained)  
1 can of Black Beans  
(rinsed and drained)  
2 tsp of chopped onion  
2 tsp of chopped green pepper  
4-5 jalapeños  
(add more or less for spiciness)

1-2 dashes of red pepper flakes  
2 tsp of chili powder  
1 tsp of cumin  
1/2 tsp of garlic  
2 dashes of celery seed  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Cook well.  
In a separate pot, cook 1/2 pound of spaghetti noodles,  
Drain, and add to the pot of chili.  
(Add 1 lb of hamburger meat if desired)



## The County Clerk Connection....



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